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Sir:

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 - (1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under § 1.313 is granted; (2) Abandonment of the application; or (3) The filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. §§ 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.
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		. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed, is enclosed herewith:					
	•	<pre> \$385.00 - small entity \$770.00 - large entity </pre>					
	The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of () month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). The fee has been calculated as shown below:						
		NO extensions of time have been previously obtained in the prior application. Thus, a fee of \$0.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.					
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	Enclosed is a check in the total amount of \$770.00 for the applicable filing fee.						
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		Respectfully submitted,					
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